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CHUNGKING HOPES Agreements At P.C.C. Meeting

CHUNGKING, JAN. 30.
AFTER 19 DAYS OF HOPES, DISAPPOINTMENTS AND TENSION, OPTIMISM OVER CHINA'S CHANCES OF AN ERA OF PEACE, UNITY AND RECONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN FORTIFIED BY THE LARGE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT REACHED BY THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE. ONLY ONE MAJOR ISSUE—THE DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS IN THE EXECUTIVE YUAN, CHINA'S CABINET, WAS STILL UNSOLVED LAST NIGHT AND ANOTHER, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WAS BEING DISCUSSED IN AN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE STALEMATE.

H.K. Service

New York, Jan. 30.
The resumption of a regular steamship service of the American and Manchurian Ellerman and Bucknall Steamship Co., Ltd.—to the Philippines, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and the Straits Settlements—has been announced.

The S.S. Fort Reliance is to sail for Singapore at the end of January and the City of Little for Shanghai, Hong Kong and Manila.—Associated Press.

PIRATES FOILED

A DARING BUT UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT AT PIRACY WAS MADE ON THE MOTOR JUNK "TAI HING" ABOUT AN HOUR'S JOURNEY FROM MACAO ON JAN. 26, SHORTLY AFTER 2 P.M., AS SHE WAS ON HER WAY FROM HONG KONG TO KONG-MOON.

Four pirate boats manned by about 50 pirates tried to intercept the "Tai Hing" and they were assisted by accomplices on shore who opened machine gun fire on the junk. Fortunately, the crew of the "Tai Hing" were on the alert, and they returned the fire at close range. The pirates were unable to board her, and after an exchange of fire lasting half an hour, the pirates gave up the attempt.

Three of the passengers on the "Tai Hing" were wounded by gunfire, but the injuries were not serious.

The "Tai Hing" reached Kongmoon on schedule at 8 p.m. and returned to Hong Kong on Jan. 28, still bearing many bullet marks on her hull.

The "Tai Hing" left Hong Kong on Jan. 26 with about 60 passengers and a crew of 24.

Peace Prospects Brighter

Chungking, Jan. 30.
With the activities at Piping of the Executive Headquarters of the Political Party Conference—responsible for the enforcement of the "cease-fire" order—going on in high gear prospects of peace throughout China are getting brighter daily.

All armed clashes have stopped in northern Shensi, southern Hopei, southern Chahar and southern Suiyuan, according to the sixth communiqué from Piping. Repair work on railways, bridges and tele-communications is under way and order is rapidly overtaking chaos in many other sectors.

The Communists have reported that communications between south-east Shensi, south Hopei and north Honan have been restored after eight years of enemy blockade.

Chungking, Jan. 30.
The Communists have also

The question of the Executive Yuan will be left to negotiation between different parties after conclusion of the conference.

Observers in Chungking, both foreign and Chinese, were impressed by the concessions made by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his Kuomintang Party towards making the conference a success after the fate of the country had been tossed into the lap of the all-party and non-partisan conference.

Observers considered the Kuomintang made two major concessions:

Firstly, curtailment of the powers of the President of the Republic, who now is Chiang Kai-shek.

Secondly, its agreement to transferring the power of appointment now held by the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang to the State Council, which is to become a national body with the Kuomintang having 20 seats and other parties and non-partisans 20 seats.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS

The decisions agreed upon are being compiled by the steering committee for formal adoption by the conference in full session.

Among other important decisions are:

1. The Government will reduce its forces to 90 divisions within six months.

2. The Communists will reduce their army to 20 divisions within three months.

3. The emergency powers of the President of the Republic must be approved by the State Council before they can be exercised;

4. The President's veto powers may be overridden by a three-fifths majority of the State Council.

One of the principal concessions made by the Communist Party and Democratic League has been to waive their former demand for a new election to the National Assembly.

The State Council, it is expected, will be an interim body which will function until the draft constitution has been adopted by the National Assembly.

The draft is to be revised within the next two months by a commission consisting of 35 persons. It will comprise five each from the Kuomintang, the Communist Party, the Democratic League, Youth Party, five non-partisans and 10 others selected by common choice.

C.E.C. MEETING

The sub-committee dealing with the draft constitution, which already has concluded its work, has made several important decisions. Among them are: firstly, the Legislative Yuan is to become a house of representatives; secondly, the Central Yuan is to become a Senate; thirdly, the Executive Yuan is to be responsible to the Legislative Yuan.

The Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang and Central Supervisory Committee of the Kuomintang have been summoned to meet in joint plenary session on March 1.

This joint body, at present the highest ruling authority in China, will have to approve all decisions of the Political Consultation Conference, but while this job might evoke debate, it is expected to be a purely routine matter.—Associated Press.

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It was believed that if the sub-committee fails to break the current deadlock, the problem will be solved by an understanding among the political

Hearing The Sun

Sydney, Jan. 30.
A Government scientist yesterday reported that radiotherapy exports using radar equipment recorded in Sydney the noise of waves generated on the surface of the interior of the sun. The scientist said he believed it was Australia's first record of the sun's noise.

He said: "The life of every person on earth may be affected materially as a result" but did not elaborate on his statement.—Associated Press.

GOVERNMENT ISSUES A WARNING

IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMONSTRATION AFTER LAST SUNDAY'S FOOTBALL MATCH AT CAUSEWAY BAY, THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE YESDAY THROUGH THE PRESS RELATIONS OFFICE.

The Administration will not allow law-abiding citizens of Hong Kong to be inconvenienced by the activities of a mischievous minority.

The public are reminded that the Colony is under Military Administration and the authorities are prepared to take all necessary steps to maintain public order."

Mr. F. C. Gimson's

New Post

LONDON, JAN. 30.
BRITAIN'S COLONIAL SECRETARY, M. R. GEORGE HALL, YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CANADA AND SON OF THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER, RAMSAY MACDONALD, HAS BEEN SELECTED AS GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF MALAYA AND SINGAPORE UNDER THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE SET-UP.

Mr. Hall said the appointment awaited only Parliament's approval of the new plan by which Singapore will become a separate colony and the nine states in the Malay peninsula with Penang and Malacca incorporated into the Malayan Union.

Simultaneous with the appointment of Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Hall said the Government also would choose Sir Edward Gent, Assistant Under-Secretary of State in the Colonial Office, as Governor of the Malayan Union, and Mr. F. C. Gimson, Colonial Secretary at Hong Kong, as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Singapore.

Mr. Macdonald, 44, resigned as Minister of Health in 1941 to accept the Canadian post. His five year term in that position expires in April.

He was formerly Dominions Secretary and was leader of the Labour Party in Parliament after the death of his father.—Associated Press.

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A ROOSEVELT IN LADIES' STORE

Los Angeles, Jan. 30.
John Roosevelt, youngest son of the late President, is going to be a ladies' ready-to-wear clothing store executive.

Mr. Lee Good, Pacific Ocean District Manager of Grayson, Sons, Inc., said Roosevelt had joined the organization last week.

AIR MINISTRY'S NEW SCHEME

SINGAPORE, JAN. 30.
A SCHEME THAT WILL ENSURE A STEADY FLOW OF HIGHLY TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED AIR CREWS DIRECT FROM TRANSPORT FLYING IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE TO BRITISH CIVIL AVIATION IS ANNOUNCED BY THE AIR MINISTRY. THIS DEVELOPMENT, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE OF CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT CONCERN'S THOSE FLYING MEN WHO DO NOT DESIRE OR ARE NOT SELECTED FOR PERMANENT SERVICE IN THE R.A.F. BUT WANT CIVIL FLYING POSTS.

The opportunity open to them is an extended service engagement from which they shall be released when offered an appointment in Civil Air Transport by this means the Civil lines will secure a supply of crews with up to date experience and training in flying practice.

Transport command is obviously the main source from which civil transport flying will draw crews but it is recognized that it would be unfair if opportunities were denied to men of the other commands.

Already personnel in all commands may volunteer to be seconded to B.O.A.C. and now flying crews outside transport commands may apply for transfer even if a man cannot be absorbed by transport command, but is in all respects suitable for civil flying he will not be precluded from consideration.

TWOFOLD PURPOSE

The purpose of the scheme which is explained in Demob Form No. 30—is twofold. To assist men in their quest for civil flying posts, and at the same time maintain the highest possible standard of efficiency in transport command.

If an applicant is selected and does not make the grade in transport command he will not be kept there. (3) The fact of being selected and serving in transport command does not carry a guarantee of a good job in civil aviation but it will provide special training and experience in air transport.

A man released from extended service to make a civil air transport post will only be eligible for the reduced gratuity. An Air Ministry order is to be issued setting out the method of application and selection for transfer to transport command.

R.A.F. Camp Raided

Palestine, Jan. 30.

The Palestine "Gazette" said yesterday new regulations have been issued providing for the first time the death penalty for specific offenses in connection with the spreading of disorders in Palestine. It said the offenses possibly punished by death include the discharge or carrying of firearms or explosives.

A usually reliable source said that 15 armed men wearing British uniforms raided an R.A.F. camp in southern Palestine and escaped in a jeep with several hundred automatic weapons.—Associated Press.

Still Fighting!

Manila, Jan. 30.
Seventy-two Japanese soldiers were killed three days ago in southern Luzon by a Filipino battalion which tried for six weeks to persuade the Japanese holdouts to surrender.—Associated Press.

Occupation Force Of One Roaring Success

KAITAI-CHI, JAN. 30.
THE AMERICAN OCCUPATION OF LITTLE KAITAI-CHI MAY BE CONSIDERED A SMOOTH MILITARY AND SOCIAL SUCCESS. THE OCCUPYING FORCE CONSISTS OF ONE AFABLE LIEUTENANT AND TWO GENIAL CORPORALES, ANY ONE OF WHOM COULD BE ELECTED MAYOR IF HE CHOSE TO RUN FOR IT.

This southern Japan village, on the main line of the Imperial Government railroad, is the transfer point for heavy passenger traffic to and from the seaport of Kure.

One day, about 2½ months ago, Lieut. George E. Simon, jeeped into the town, thereby becoming the first American soldier to officially occupy Kaitai-ichi in his assignment to open a railway transportation office.

HUBBA HUBBA

Corporal Michael J. O'Conor, 20, of the 10th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, was the first American to open a post office in Kaitai-ichi.

Well-timed "Hubba, hubba" in the flow of Japanese telephoning sets the Japanese phone girls to giggling but Simon gets his calls through faster than anybody else in Kaitai-ichi.

The nearest American military installation is eight miles away. Despite its remoteness Simon receives a shipment of perishable foods every other day and canned goods once weekly.

The two work on schedule. Lieut. Simon sets the idea there's nothing for them to do at the

PEER'S WARNING ON MINORITIES IN MALAYA

LONDON, JAN. 30.
THERE WAS DANGER THAT MALAYA AND SINGAPORE MIGHT BECOME A DOMINION OF THE CHINESE EMPIRE INSTEAD OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, DECLARED THE CONSERVATIVE PEER VISCOUNT ELIBANK, IN THE DEBATE ON THE STRAITS SETTLEMENT (REPEAL) BILL, WHICH WAS READ FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS TO-DAY.

SPEAKING OF THE MINORITIES IN MALAYA, VISCOUNT ELIBANK SAID THAT 75 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION OF SINGAPORE WAS CHINESE. "UNLESS WE ARE CAREFUL WE SHALL HAND OVER MALAYA AND SINGAPORE TO THE CHINESE," HE SAID.

"We cannot ignore the fact that there is a very forceful cult in China to make the East for Chinese. Only last week 5,000 students walked through Chungking shouting 'We want Hong Kong.' If we are not careful, the next cry will be 'We want Malaya.'

Viscount Addison, Dominion Secretary, replied that the Government was fully aware of the safeguards needed by Malaya and was exceedingly sympathetic but it had also to recognise the rights and privileges of other workers and residents there.

Viscount Maugham asked if it was proposed that Japanese shall take citizenship under the Malayan constitution. If so, he said, there would be very strong opposition.

REFORMS NEEDED

Viscount Addison replied that he had not had that question put to him before but he would enquire into it.

Lord Machwood: "I understand that there was a recent decision whereby the Japanese would not be tolerated any more in the Malay States."

Viscount Addison: "I sincerely hope that may be so."

Viscount Cranborne, leader of the Conservatives in the House of Lords, said that prosperity in Malaya was of the utmost importance not only to Britain but to the world. Reforms were needed and any scheme adopted would have the fullest chance of success.

The Bill gives effect to the Government proposals that the Straits Settlement, Federated Malay States and non-federated states should be united in one state, to be known as the Malayan Union, except for Singapore.—Reuter.

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Fascinating

Los Angeles, Jan. 30.
Australian actress Ann Richards, selecting ten American men she finds as "most fascinating" includes General MacArthur "because his aid to Australia in its dark hours inspired my countrymen."

She also chooses General Joseph Stilwell "because he stuck to his guns in the face of political diversity."—Associated Press.

DEV. JUST LOVES BRITAIN

WATERFORD, JAN. 30.
PRIME MINISTER DE VALERA LOVES ENGLAND.

SPEAKING HERE LAST NIGHT WHEN THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY WAS CONFERRED ON HIM, HE

WARNED THE PEOPLE THAT THEY WOULD BE WRONG TO THINK THAT EIRE HATED BRITAIN. HIS OWN ATTITUDE, HE SAID, WAS ONE OF LOVE.

"When we were struggling against Britain, it was always suggested that our actions were prompted by hatred of that country. I have never known in my heart, even at the hardest times when we should naturally feel most bitter sentiments against Britain, such a thing as hatred but I have had instead love which I believe is still a much greater force," Mr. de Valera said.

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ONE-LB. BABY WILL LIVE

HOLLYWOOD, JAN. 30.
A BABY GIRL WHO WAS GIVEN ONLY ONE CHANCE

WHEN SHE WAS BORN THREE MONTHS PREMATURELY SEVEN WEEKS AGO WILL PROBABLY SURVIVE HER PHYSICAL FATHER SAID YESTERDAY.

U.N.O.'S. NEW KEY-MAN Secretary-General A Carpenter's Son

Cheaper U.S. Press Rates

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. NEW REDUCED CABLE RATES FROM AMERICA TO PARTS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE BEGINNING IN APRIL AT THE LATEST ARE EXPECTED TO IMPROVE TRADE AND GIVE NEWSPAPERS AND LADIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY MORE NEWS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

Both governments are expected shortly to ratify the rates agreed on when America and the British Commonwealth met in Bermuda last November.

At the most, thirty cents a word from any point in the United States to any point in the British Commonwealth; press matter at 6½ cents a word.

Compared with the new rate of three dollars for a ten-word message here are some of the old rates: \$7.10 to Arabia; \$8.90 to Malay States; \$5.00 to South Africa; \$6.80 to Australia; \$7.30 to Hongkong; \$6.20 to Solomon Islands; \$3.60 to Gibraltar.

A hundred-word press story is soon to cost \$6.50 to any place in the Commonwealth with previous cost: \$16.00 to Hongkong; \$12.50 to South Africa; \$9.00 to Melbourne.

The Bermuda conference also agreed on more direct circuits and the United States will have one circuit each to Australia, New Zealand and India and two to Bermuda. New circuits may be opened soon, for Jamaica and Palestine, Ceylon, the Malay States and Hong Kong will be considered if business is good enough, while private companies such as news agencies may set up stations for traffic between America, Canada and the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and the colonies will not permit such private reception. — Associated Press.

FUKUHARA TRIAL OPENS

Yokohama, Jan. 29. Captain Isao Fukuhara pleaded innocent at the start of his war crimes trial to-day, as the prosecution told the United States Military Commission that actions of the stern-faced commandant of the Omura prison camp "will prove to be the blackest picture this court will listen to." The trial barely got underway for "Fukuhara, whom prisoners called "Bumsho Doma" and "The Terrible," before the prosecution submitted an affidavit which accused him of responsibility for the death of Corporal Walter Ray Johnson.

The affidavit said that Johnson was beaten on three consecutive days under orders from Fukuhara who participated in the beatings and on April 4, 1945, at 2.30 a.m. cries were heard coming from the guardhouse and later the American leader was told that Johnson was dead.

Fukuhara succeeded Lieutenant Kei Yuri as Commander of the Omura 17B camp at Fukukawa. Yuri was condemned to death as a war criminal. — Associated Press.

U.S. TO CLEAR OUT

Washington, Jan. 29. The United States War Secretary, Mr. Robert Patterson, stated to-day that the United States Army may be evacuated from India, Burma and the Middle East area before June 30.

He pointed out that the existing schedule calls for the deployment of American forces in India and Burma from 50,000 at the beginning of the year to 4,000 by the end of June and the United States forces in the Middle East from 18,000 at the beginning of the year to 5,000 by June 30.

Mr. Patterson added: "How-

Talents As An Arbitrator

LONDON, JAN. 30. MR. TRYGVE LIE, WHO WAS NOMINATED SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION ON TUESDAY NIGHT, IS A STOCKY, 50-YEAR OLD NORWEGIAN LABOUR LAWYER WITH A DISLIKE FOR HANDLING DETAILS AND A RECOGNISED TALENT FOR NEGOTIATING. LIE, SON OF A CARPENTER, HAD NO BACKGROUND IN INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY WHEN HE BECAME NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN 1941, BUT THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER HE HAS SHOWN WHAT HE CALLS AN "IMPASSIONED" INTEREST IN NORWEGIAN POLITICS AND LABOUR LAW, AND NORWAY KNOWS HE IS A GOOD HAND IN BRINGING DISPUTING PARTIES TO AN AGREEMENT.

Florid-faced and intensely energetic, with coal-black curly hair, Lie still devotes many leisure hours to skiing and playing tennis and has a hearty love for good food, good wine, good conversation and a good joke. He works long and hard but his friends say he seems never to tire or to lose his knack of inspiring colleagues and co-workers.

Lie was born in Oslo in 1896. He entered the University of Oslo in 1914 and completed his legal training in 1919. That year he got his first job as Secretary-General. It was for the Norwegian Labour Party. He kept the office until 1922 when he was appointed legal adviser to the Norwegian Trade Union's Federation.

LAST TO LEAVE

He became Minister of Trade, Shipping and Industry.

He was one of the last of the Norwegian Ministers to leave Oslo before the Germans entered in 1940.

Lie then was in charge of the supplies for the Norwegian army and civil population. Escaping northwards through Norway he conferred with a small staff of experts in a remote country hotel and made the decision to requisition the whole Norwegian merchant fleet, 4,000,000 tons and placed it at the disposal of the Allies. — Associated Press.

After flying to England he worked with the Norwegian exile government and took over from Halvdan Koht in 1943 as Foreign Minister, a post he held in the coalition government formed after Norway's liberation and in the labour government after the general election last October.

ARBITRATING TALENTS

Trygve Lie married in 1921. He has three daughters.

A sports enthusiast, Lie until 1940 was president of the Norwegian Labour Sports Association. Like most Norwegians, he says of himself that he was "practically born with skis on." He likes hunting, and even to-day, his tennis is amazingly good.

Through his long experience as legal advisor to the Norwegian Trade Union's Federation, Lie was hailed for his talents as arbitrator. He had an alert mind and an intuition, which, his associates said, seems to enable him to know what a person is going to say almost before it is said. — Associated Press.

Iran Minister To Italy

Teheran, Jan. 29.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry yesterday announced the appointment of Fatollah Fukrani, former Governor-General of Kuurasan and one time Minister to Moscow, as Minister Plenipotentiary to Italy.

He will re-open the Iranian Legation in Rome, which had been closed since the beginning of the war.

An Imperial decree was also issued to-day confirming the appointment of Doctor Mir Hassan Inamli, Teheran University professor as Moslem spiritual leader of Teheran. He succeeded his uncle, Mir Say Edi Mohammed Inamli, who died last month. In his new post he will serve as spiritual leader of all Iran. — Associated Press.

STRAITS BLOCKED

Pearl Harbour, Jan. 29. Navy mines laid by Major-General Curtis Le May's B-29s are still blocking the Shimonoseki straits, Japan's vital artery to Korea and China. Fleet headquarters today announced that the blockade is expected to continue until the mines are swept or become inert.

The Navy did not say how long that might take.

INDIA'S PROBLEM

Delhi, Jan. 29.

London, Jan. 29. India's 300 million inhabitants of India do not breed honest men and the country's leading leaders, who are members of the Congress party, are not fit to be leaders of India. — Associated Press.

VON PAPEN FAMILY ORDERED OUT

Nuernberg, Jan. 29.

The French military government, in the Saar on Monday, notified the 60-year-old wife and three unmarried daughters of Franz Von Papen that their family home will be confiscated and that they are to be expelled to the other side of the Rhine River, it was learned.

The Wallerfangen estate of about 100 acres, near Saarbruecken was inherited by Papen's wife from her industrialist father and has been her sole financial support since Von Papen was captured by the United States army last year.

The Nuernberg defendant's wealth was frozen after his capture.

Captain Franz Von Papen, junior, the Nazi diplomat's son, has requested permission to make a brief trip into the French zone. At present he is acting as his father's associate counsel, in preparing the defense case against the war crime charges, and is scheduled to be returned to the prisoners of war camp at the conclusion of the trial.

A French officer was reported to have delivered an oral notice to Mrs. Von Papen telling her that the entire estate would be taken over by the French within a few days. — Associated Press.

More Positive Line Expected

London, Jan. 29.

The United Nations Security Council resumes on Wednesday its discussion on the Russo-Persian issue, a more positive line from the new Persian Government is expected and definite proposals that the two governments continue to seek a solution by direct negotiations will probably be made.

At yesterday's meeting of the Council, the Soviet delegate, M. Vysinsky, pointed out that Persia's application to the U.N.O. was made by a government no longer in office, but the main point M. Vysinsky made was his insistence that both countries are ready to proceed with direct negotiations.

The Russian view is that there is no ground for intervention by the Security Council at this stage since negotiations are still in train while Persia desires the Council to recommend the withdrawal of Soviet moral and material support from the rebels in the Northern Persian province of Azerbaijan. — Associated Press.

EAST WIND: RAIN

Washington, Jan. 29.

Pearl Harbour investigators yesterday began searching for what some of them believe is the "east wind" Japanese code message.

The "wind" message was a Tokyo arrangement to warn Japanese consular officers of the break with the United States by including the words "east wind" in noon-time broadcasts.

Whether the words were ever broadcast remains in dispute. — Associated Press.

FRANCE AND CHINA

Paris, Jan. 29.

French officials of France and China have agreed to a joint statement on the Chinese problem.

U.S. Strike Optimism

Washington, Jan. 30.

Reconversion Director John W. Snyder yesterday expressed high optimism over prospects of settling the steel. General Motors and other strikes in the United States.

He said, however, that his hopes were based on the recent trend toward "free collective bargaining" of settlements and commented "when you see customers of Ford and Chrysler, for instance, getting ready to do business that's a hopeful sign."

General Motors and C.I.O. United Auto Workers agreed to resume wage negotiations but the United States Steel Corporation said it would need a price increase of very much more than \$4 a ton to grant striking steel-workers even 15 cents hourly which had already been offered.

Meanwhile, shortage of cattle shipments prevented the resumption of normal operations in Government-operated packing houses. — Associated Press.

The number of persons idle in the labour disputes is about 1,300,000. — Associated Press.

Convenient Loss Of Memory

Manila, Jan. 30.

Lieutenant-General Takeji Wachi, Chief of Staff of Lieutenant-General Masaharu Homma, to-day testified at the latter's trial that there were no cases of wilful atrocities against Allied prisoners of war in the Philippines.

General Wachi said he investigated prisoner treatment in 1943 after receiving a United States protest through the Swiss Government.

Wachi denied that Homma rode along the Bataan death march route and watched the prisoners bayonetted.

Under cross-examination, however, Wachi said: "I don't remember," when asked about conditions at Camp O'Donell in Santo Tomas. — Associated Press.

OPPOSITION TO BRETON WOODS

New Delhi, Jan. 30.

The Central Legislative Assembly by a vote of 64 to 53 yesterday criticised the Indian Government for joining the Bretton Woods Monetary Fund and International Bank without first consulting the Assembly.

The House has created a nine-man committee to study advantages and disadvantages of membership as far as India is concerned.

The House voted to halt temporarily any fuller Government action to effectuate Indian membership in the Fund and Bank.

Associated Press.

NOT SURPRISED

New York, Jan. 29.

The chancery office of the New York Catholic diocese issued a statement as an aftermath to the Russian newspaper "Izvestia's" denunciation of Archbishop Spellman.

The statement said: "The chancery office answers that the Archibishop has been accustomed to attacks by enemies of religion, of America and of world peace. He has been assailed by the minions of Hitler, Mussolini and other tyrants and is not surprised" at the new attack "by puppets of pretenders to peace."

Associated Press.

DISARMAMENT PARLEY DEMANDED

Washington, Jan. 29.

The calling by President Truman of a disarmament conference to prevent an atomic world war was demanded by Senator Millard Tydings, Democrat of Maryland, in the United States Senate yesterday. — Associated Press.

U.S. FIRE DISASTER

Oklahoma City, Jan. 29.

At least ten were killed and 38 injured when gasoline-fed flames roared suddenly through the main hangar at Tinker Field, huge army air forces supply depot. Cause of the fire has not been officially determined.

The damage has been estimated at \$750,000. — Associated Press.

CHINA STUDIES G-MAN METHODS

Los Angeles, Jan. 30.

Three Chongking police officers arrived here to-day to begin a year's study of American police methods.

The trio includes Chu Hsien-tung, Chen Ya-yang and Chia Mou-chung. After a few days here they will go to Peking, Washington, to study police science administration at the Washington State College. — Associated Press.

REPORT DENIED

Washington, Jan. 30.

The State Department to-day denied statement by Doctor A. C. Millspaugh suggesting that the American Government will withdraw support from his financial mission to Iran because of Russian opposition.

A spokesman said that Dr. Millspaugh's assertion was without foundation. He said that Millspaugh and about fifty members of his mission employed solely by the Iranian government did not have any official connection with the U.S. Government. — Associated Press.

NOT COMMENTING

Washington, Jan. 30.

There was no comment to-day from the White House on Senator Tydings' proposal that President Truman call a disarmament conference to head off an atomic war.

Some Senators agreed and approved Tydings' suggestion but one said he hoped Tydings was not trying to undermine the U.N.O. — Associated Press.

C-47 TRAGEDY

Shanghai, Jan. 30.

Four members of the crew of a U.S. Army C-47 were killed yesterday in the plane crashed on Mount Lu, near Nanking.

Associated Press.

Iranian Negotiations With Russia

London, Jan. 30.
Russian and Iranian representatives are expected to meet to-day to seek a solution to their dispute.

The new Iranian Premier, Soltanob, said at Teheran that he had sent instructions to the Iranian delegate at the U.N.O. to confer with the Soviet Vice-Commissioner, Andrei Vishinsky, in an attempt to settle the dispute.

Meanwhile, delegates speculated whether the new Iranian Government, known to have more friendly relations with Russia, might agree to Vishinsky's suggestion that the United Nations Security Council postpone action on the Russian-Iranian controversy pending direct Moscow-Tehran negotiations.

Meanwhile, an agreement with-in 24 hours is expected on the election of a Secretary-General for the U.N.O.

The appointment of a Secretary-General would leave only one major organisational problem for the London meeting—the election of the site in the United States as the permanent U.N.O. Headquarters. — Associated Press.

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NOTICE

"Requirements for Motor Fishing Vessels and other ex-Admiralty Harbour Craft."

Endeavours are being made to obtain motor fishing vessels and harbour craft, ex-Admiralty, of various types. It is desired to co-ordinate the requirements for these as soon as possible. It is hoped that craft may be obtained at reasonable prices. Enquiries for these should be addressed to the Harbour Master as soon as possible in order that an estimate may be made of total requirements in his respect.

A. BURGESS,
Colonel, (C.A.)
Supplies, Transport & Industry.

Forced To Celebrate F.D.R. Death

Tokyo, Jan. 30. Charges that Japanese army captain Yuhichi Sakamoto, former commander of two prison camps, had forced American prisoners of war to attend and furnish entertainment at a Japanese party celebrating the death of President Roosevelt were referred from Allied Headquarters' legal section to the 8th Army, for trial before the Military Commission.

Sakamoto is also accused of brutal atrocities by himself and men under his command.

Charges of "cruel, inhuman and brutal atrocities" against Shigenori Odeishi were also announced. Odeishi is charged with contributing to the deaths of four Americans by beatings and by refusing to issue Red Cross and other medical supplies. — Associated Press.

A COMEDOWN

Berlin, Jan. 30. Soviet authorities here yesterday announced that the great Launa synthetic oil plant at Halle which is one of the Nazi industry's chief centers in producing baking powder now. — Associated Press.

RICE SMUGGLING

Tokyo, Jan. 30. General MacArthur to-day ordered the Japanese Government to take action to halt smuggling of food and other merchandise from Korea into Japan.

Allied officials said they received reports that considerable rice was being smuggled into Kyushu and western Honshu. — Associated Press.

ORGANISED MOVEMENT

Bad Toelz, Germany, Jan. 30.

A United States Third Army Intelligence report on infiltration of Polish Jews into the American occupation zone says the movement is financed and organized by Zionist groups within Poland. The report says the Jews believe that if Palestine is inaccessible, a Jewish state will be established in Bavaria. — Associated Press.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that all powers of attorney in effect December 25th, 1945, for the Colony of Hong Kong and its Dependencies have been revoked and are considered null and void.

Notice is further given that Mr. Ray R. Pearson and Mr. Edgar L. Hooper are now appointed under powers of attorney from our Head Office.

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Uno Adjourns Without Action

(New Lead U.N.O. Conference)

LONDON, JAN. 29. THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED LAST NIGHT UNTIL WEDNESDAY WITHOUT TAKING ACTION ON IRAN'S CHARGES OF RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN HER INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AFTER A PROLONGED PRESENTATION OF THE RUSSIAN AND IRANIAN ARGUMENTS.

RUSSIA YESTERDAY CHALLENGED THE VALIDITY OF IRAN'S APPEAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL AFTER IRAN'S CHIEF DELEGATE TO THE U.N.O. HAD CHARGED THE SOVIET UNION WITH INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF HIS COUNTRY.

Andrei Vishinsky, blunt-spoken Vice-Foreign Minister of the U.S.S.R., told the Council in its first major hearing on a political issue between sovereign states that the Iranian charges were "raised by a government no longer in power and the claims have not sufficient grounds" for action by the Council.

S. H. Taquizadeh, Iranian Ambassador to London, had declared that "there have been a number of interventions in Iranian affairs by Soviet Authorities" and in effect asked the Council to prevent any more of such actions.

"JUST AND FAIR"

In his speech, Vishinsky asked specifically that the Security Council "leave the matter aside and open for solution by negotiations by both parties." This, he said, "would be more than just and fair and would be in the spirit of good neighbours."

Vishinsky said he wanted cordial relations with all nations and he declared his government had never refused to negotiate the movement of the Iranian difficulties with Teheran and that under the Charter this method was the first which should be applied in an international dispute. In the recent case, he said, there were no grounds on which the Council should concern itself.

"It is much too early," he declared, "to say that the parties to the dispute cannot come to terms between themselves. The refusal to continue negotiations came from the Iranian side and not from the Soviet side. We were and are prepared to continue these negotiations."

Taquizadeh was named chief of his delegation and Iran's first appeal to the Security Council was made under the Hukmi Teheran Government which was succeeded over the week-end by one led by Qavam es Sultanach who said he would seek direct negotiations with Russia.

No announcement of new instructions was made by officials here though Sultanach said he was sending them.

Four Requests

Taquizadeh made four specific requests to the Security Council:

(1) That it recommend that the terms of the 1945 treaty with Russia providing for the withdrawal of troops from Iran be strictly adhered to. (2) That the Soviet authorities take no action in Iran contrary to the Teheran declaration made by the late President Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill, guaranteeing the independence of Iran. (3) That the Soviet authorities in

BYRONES

that even with the President's approval his proposal should not yet be construed as a final Government policy on the subject. He indicated that War Secretary Robert Patterson and Navy Secretary James Forrestal are discussing the question of witnesses.

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Byrones' recommendations are adopted it would mean that officials from Russia, Britain, France, China, Australia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Brazil, the Netherlands, Egypt and Canada would be on hand for the experiment this Spring off the mid-Pacific Marshall Islands. — Associated Press.

Manus May Go To U.S.

Sydney, Jan. 30.

A "Morning Herald" Canberra story published yesterday said the American and Australian governments are expected to discuss the transfer of Manus Island to the United States as a naval and air base.

The "Herald" said the "conditions of granting Manus to the United States are expected to be that the U.N.O. should guarantee facilities for enforcing international security and that British ships should have the right to use it in an emergency." — Associated Press.

AIRMEN BURIED

San Francisco, Jan. 30.

The bodies of the two Filipino fliers who were killed in a recent plane crash near the crash-landed base at Mindanao, Philippines, were yesterday buried with full military honours at San Bruno Cemetery near here.

U.S. Army Captain, deceased, and the deceased, a member of the 100th Pursuit Squadron, 33rd Pursuit Group, 5th Pursuit Wing, 10th Air Force, were buried with full military honours at San Bruno Cemetery near here.

THE CHINA MAIL

JAP. LINES OF COMMUNICATION NO GOOD

Tokyo, Jan. 29. A survey of Japanese communications—from radio to city mail delivery—convinces one that the Imperial Government was telling the truth when, after agreeing to surrender, it pleaded inability to promptly advise all field commanders.

At the time this appeared as "more stalling" but marvel is that it was accomplished so rapidly.

Service is now reported better than at the end of the war but even now six to seven hours is considered good time to move a telegram from Tokyo to Osaka—about the same distance as from New York to Washington. Delay to outlying sections is so great that all telegrams are mailed to Kyushu as the fastest way of delivering them.

Equipment generally is poor and worn out and operators are often inept. When you learn from an old resident of Tokyo that it sometimes takes ten days for a letter to be delivered inside the city and then shiver through an afternoon in dimly lighted, unheated rooms of an imposing communication centre there is no doubt that your mind will realise why the Japanese found it difficult to inform their outlying forces—even inside home islands—that Japan decided to surrender. Most efficient communication methods seem to be the pneumatic tube system connecting the Central Telegraph office with 13 buildings.

Mrs. Anne Hickwa told Allied Headquarters: "Born away from home to serve his country at the age of 18 and taught to kill, having heard of many of his friends being killed, and under an emotional strain of delayed homecoming, are all factors to which might be attributed to some extent the cause for such abnormal conduct as is reportedly alleged in his case."

"Certainly they should be considered before an American soldier receives a death sentence."

General MacArthur replied that "final action is no longer within my prerogative" and assured her that circumstances which a "mother's love raises in the defense of your son will receive thoughtful consideration of those who sit in final judgement of this case."

Mrs. Hickwa wrote on Jan. 16: "I implore you to act immediately to request a review of the United States Army court-martial proceedings under which my soldier son Joseph Hickwa was sentenced in Japan for the alleged fatal stabbing of two Japanese." — Associated Press.

Conservatives Unite In France

Paris, Jan. 29.

With the French National Constituent Assembly meeting to-day to hear the programme of the new Gouin Government, the committee work of the U.N.O. went steadily ahead to-day.

The meeting of the Trusteeship Committee was notable for the plea by the Indian delegate for mandatory powers to take immediate steps to bring their mandates under trusteeship. The peoples of Asia and Africa, he said, constituted more than half the world's population, and the manner in which the trusteeship section of the Charter was implemented would be the supreme test of the U.N.O.'s high ideals.

The Trusteeship Committee had met to consider nine amendments to the words "States directly concerned" in connexion with mandated territory.

The committee's work is being considerably speeded up and the first half of the Assembly, now taking place in London, is expected to finish by Feb. 10, re-assembling in the United States sometimes in April. — Reuter.

The balance sheet of French finances published yesterday indicates that France has reasonable prospect of averting a financial and currency crisis and that for at least a year the Treasury will have funds to pay for imports. — Reuter.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN FRIENDSHIP

Moscow, Jan. 29.

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to Moscow, now on his way to Java where he will help in seeking a solution of the Indonesian problem in a farewell message published in the Russian language "British Ally", a weekly British newspaper in Moscow, says: "During the war, a friendship has been built up between our two peoples which will have a solid foundation for peaceful reconstruction in the years ahead."

"I wish to express my faith in the future of Anglo-Soviet relations and my confidence that the friendship between our two peoples will grow ever firmer." — Reuter.

P.I. Attack Orders

Manila, Jan. 30.

Orders for the invasion of the Philippines were issued on Nov. 19, 1941, 18 days before the attack on Pearl Harbour. Col. Yoshio Nakajima testified yesterday at the war crimes trial of Lt.-Gen. General Homma.

Nakajima also said the Japanese learned from a San Francisco broadcast on Dec. 28, 1941, that General MacArthur had declared Manila an open city two days previously. Some previous testimony in the trial attempted to establish that the bombing of Manila after it was declared an open city was due to lack of notification of the Japanese command. — Associated Press.

INDIES PLAN

Batavia, Jan. 30. Arthur Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, Doctor Robertus Van Mook, in a broadcast yesterday, stated that the Dutch Government had agreed upon a plan to create a European and Asiatic community in the Dutch East Indies through an "international partnership."

Van Mook appealed to Dutch and Indonesian to think and act with a constructive spirit.

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PROCLAMATION NO. 4

DELEGATION OF POWERS (AMENDMENT)

ARTICLE 3

REGULATION NO. 3
PROHIBITED EXPORTS.

NOTICE

In pursuance of the powers vested in me under paragraph 2 of the above Regulation, I, ALEXANDER BURGESS, Colonel, Civil Affairs, Supplies, Transport & Industry, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that the following items, namely:—

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are added to the Schedule contained in the said Regulation No. 3

DATED this 30th day of January, 1946;

A. BURGESS,
Colonel (G.A.),
Supplies, Transport & Industry.

Menaces Charge

Charged with demanding \$500 from Li Ka-shing with menaces or by force on Dec. 16, at No. 444 Nathan Road, Wong Wing-tim, Probationary Chinese Sub-Inspector, appeared before Mr. W. H. Lammer yesterday. No plea was taken and C.D.I. Fraser asked for seven days remand.

Ball was fixed at \$600 of which \$250 was in cash.

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Comdr. (R.N.—Retd.),
HARBOUR MASTER.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

POLICE AND PRISONS BRANCH
NOTICE

In view of the approaching Chinese New Year, it is hereby notified that the Chief Civil Affairs Officer has given permission for fireworks, not being unlawful fireworks, to be kindled, discharged or let off within the Colony within the times set out below:

From 4 p.m. Friday, 1st of February, 1946
to 4 p.m. Monday, 3rd of February, 1946
and

From 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Friday, 8th of February, 1946 (i.e. the seventh day of the New Year)

subject to the exceptions, prohibitions and restrictions set out hereunder:

(1) No burning firework or other fire shall be thrown above the head, or near any person or inflammable material, and every reasonable precaution must be taken against accident.

(2) The kindling, discharge or letting off of fireworks in or in the vicinity of places of Christian Worship during Divine Service is prohibited.

(3) The firing of Bombs, "Electric" crackers and "Golden Coin" crackers is strictly prohibited.

Occupiers of premises are warned as to their liability under the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932, in particular in respect of any unlawful firing or throwing of fireworks at, on or from their premises.

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Sonja's Suit

Chicago, Jan. 30. Sonja Henie, the well-known skating-star, yesterday filed a suit of divorce against Daniel R. Torping, millionaire New York sportsman, on charges of desertion.

She married him on July 4, 1940, it being her first marriage and his third.—Associated Press.

Hotel Loses Claim

Holding that enough evidence had been produced to satisfy the Tribunal that there was more than the mere acceptance by the applicants of rent from opponents during the Japanese occupation, the Camera Craft Annual Competition of 1941, one of the most important awards in the photographic world, competed for by camera clubs in the United States and all parts of the world in open competition.

After the fall of Hongkong, Dr. Graves, one of the Society's members, who managed to get away in 1943, applied to the Camera Craft for the cup (which had not yet been received by the Photographic Society of Hongkong) and brought it back with him to be presented when the Society is once more functioning.

Friends of the Photographic Society will recall that an International Salon had been organized and was on the point of opening its exhibition at the time of the outbreak of hostilities. The pictures received to form the Salon were fortunately rescued and presented by Mr. Francis Wu, a council member of the Society.

Dr. A. V. Creaves was President and Kenneth A. Watson was the Hon. Secretary. The Salon Committee were: Francis Wu, F.R.P.S., A.P.S.A., Major R. L. Berridge, R.E. Capt. W. C. Clark, A.R.P.S., Robert A. Bates, H. A. McKay, E. O'Neil-Shaw, H. L. Decker.

It is hoped that the Salon will be held believably this spring or early summer.

The pictures represent the artistic efforts of prominent photographers of America, Australia and the Far East and is of a very high standard indeed. It should not be missed by anyone interested in pictorial photography.

Lenient View Taken

Three Chinese, including an official of the Po On Government, were found guilty of possession of a Mauser pistol and 10 rounds of ammunition without a permit by M. Latimer yesterday.

Constable Peter Chan testified that he and three others searched the three accused and found the pistol on the first, Chan Ngai Kwon. A licence found on first accused was issued by the Chinese Government to one Lo Tai-Wing, brother of the second accused. Lo

Wa-Pui.

Ip Tai-Wing told the Court that he went to Canton on Jan. 3, and found the pistol and licence in the care of his brother. He had no idea that his brother would transmit the pistol to another person or bring it to British territory.

Mr. Smith asked for a lenient view to be taken and said that he was satisfied if a warning was given the third accused and fine imposed on the first and second accused.

Taking into consideration the fact that all three had been in prison over three weeks, Mr. Latimer acquitted the third accused, Chau Ilien and fined the first and second accused each \$100.

GOLD WEAKENS

Yesterday morning gold opened at \$545 per tael, but the market weakened in the course of the day and at the close it had dropped to \$536.

Chinese national currency opened weak at HK\$4.72 to CN\$1,000, and fell to \$4.60 at the close.

American dollars strengthened to \$0.25 buyers, and English Sterling was bought at \$18.40. Australian pound notes have dropped to \$12.30.

"MANXMAN" PARTY

About 170 Chinese orphans and other children were entertained to a party on board the liner, H.M.S. "Manxman", yesterday afternoon.

Most of the children, whose ages ranged from 3 to 16, were from the French Convent School, Causeway Bay. They were in the care of Miss Reid and Miss Lampson of the British Red Cross and Sister Henry of the Convent School.

SERVICES QUIZ

The first of the Services "Quiz" Competitions over Z.B.W. will be held on Saturday between H.M.S. Comet and H.M.N.Z.S. Achilles.

Comet will be represented by L.M. Cooper, Cdr. Wright, A.B. Stubbs and A.B. Hall and Achilles by E.R.A. Twine, A.B. Evans, Cdr. Kayes and Tel. Niven.

The line-up of the U.S.S. Los Angeles team is not yet known.

(By "Onlooker")

The double-header softball exhibition games have their curtain-raiser this Saturday, Chinese New Year's Day, at 10 a.m. sharp.

Chieh Lolin "Nightmare" Xavier's "Pin-Up" Gals clashing with the Glamour Gals "the Wildcats", followed by U.S.S. Los Angeles against the Colony All Stars in the men's fracs.

Glamour will be all out the "Pin-Up" Gals have Lolin Xavier at her usual job on the receiving end. At the initial sack will be Celeste Marques, Theresa Rivas, Rita Lopez herself on to the key station at second. Hilda Soares to police the rough passage of Short-Stop. At third Aida Castro. To complete the impressive field are A. Mendoza, at left field, Inez Soares at centre and Betty Baptista at right. Big Chieh Lolin says that for the "Wildcats" to win this time is just like wishing "A Midsummer Night's Dream" come true. Well, well, well, it's going to be a swell "solidarity vacation," so go if you want to be in the excitement.

The Wildcats will have to sharpen their claws. Led by Captain Doris Mar Lynn, who is assisted by others of the rough-and-tumble clan—Lily, Gloria and Virginia—together with Ella Chinn, Thelma Colaco, Dolly Brown, E. Babida, Irene Castillo, Irene Castro, Paty Ribeiro, Cynthia da Motta, Sheila Sequira, Paty Ozorio and Helene Ribeiro.

Arbitrators will be E. A. Evans (plate), Binkinson and "Lefty" Moosehead (bases).

RUNS BATTED IN

Gerry Gosano 9
Marnie Xavier 8
Sid Hollands 5
Bertie Gosano 4
Wally Ching 4

Sid Hollands 11
M. Souza 9
M. Xavier 8
R. Sequeira 8

STOLEN BASES

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TOTAL BASES

Gerry Gosano 11
Sid Hollands 10
M. Souza 9
M. Xavier 8
R. Sequeira 8

F.A. CUP

Fourth Round Football Association Cup, return matches results: Bury 1, Sunderland 4 (Bury eliminated). Villa 0, Millwall 1 (Millwall eliminated). Sheffield United 3, Stoke 2 (Sheffield eliminated).—Reuter.

Refused Fortune For Dog

London, Jan. 30.

Leslie Hamilton of Newport must surely be the only man in Britain who has refused £4,000 for a dog. That is one of the many tempting offers he has received for "Shaggy Lass," winner of the Welsh Derby and Puppy Oaks, and possibly the best bitch puppy that greyhound racing has ever known.

After trying unsuccessfully for ten years to breed a champion, Mr. Hamilton decided that the only way to get one was to buy one. When his friend, Mr. Brendan Barry phoned from Ireland one night to say he had seen the "best bitch ever," Mr. Hamilton bought it and overcame this flying youngster.

The opponents named in the application were the Tai Chung Wah Sheung Hong Kong Messrs. George She, Tung Chung-wai and Li Tung. Mr. E. S. C. Brooks was applicant while Mr. Y. K. Kan was for opponents.

The Tribunal dismissed the application on two findings, that applicant had accepted opponents as subtenants during the occupation and that after the re-occupation applicants failed to comply with the requirements of Article 3 of the Proclamation.

Z.B.W. STUDIO TALK

A special item in to-night's programme from Z.B.W. is a talk by Capt. C. Gwinther, D.S.O. (& bar), D.S.C., who for five years took part in the Battle of the Atlantic, which ceased only when Germany was defeated. For the last 18 months of the war Capt. Gwinther commanded the First Escort Group which guarded the convoys that crossed the Atlantic. His group was responsible for sinking a number of German submarines in that most vital battle which Britain won.—"The Battle of the Atlantic," Capt. Gwinther's talk will be given from the Studio to-night at 8.00 p.m.

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M.P.'s Camp Out During Debate

Capetown, Jan. 30. The Union of South Africa Assembly to-day reaffirmed its allegiance to the Government by 83 votes to 43 after a six-day debate on a non-confidence motion in the Government introduced by Dr. Daniel Francois Malan, leader of the chief opposition Nationalist Party.

The vote ended after a 27 hours and 38 minutes continuous session in which members not actually in the debating chamber camped out on mattresses in the gymnasium.

Members of the Dominion and Labour Parties, who recently ended their wartime alliance with the United Party in the Coalition Government abstained from voting.—Associated Press.

New Navy Envisaged

Washington, Jan. 30. Rear-Admiral Harold G. Bowen, head of the United States Navy Research and Inventions Office, of Research and Inventions, says that in ten years' time along atomic era lines may produce a Navy radically different in appearance from the current Navy.

The Research Office will inquire into everything relating through science and industry to the Navy striking forces above or under the sea.

In field research Rear-Admiral Bowen says three subjects must be explored: atomic energy for ships' propulsion, counter-measures for the atomic bomb, an attempt to find cheaper and better ways to produce raw materials for atomic power, and a probing scientific phase for guided V-weapons and supersonic speed for aircraft.—Associated Press.

False Issues

Seoul, Jan. 30. Lieut-General John R. Hodges, Commander-in-Chief of the American forces in Korea, yesterday issued a statement to the Korean people charging certain political leaders with disturbing them on false issues and attempting "to gain personal power and advantage."

General Hodges urged Koreans to examine their leaders' policies and activities. It was no secret to the American authorities in southern Korea that the blame for the Jan. 18/19 riots on anti-trusteeship was propaganda inspired by the Kim Koo Provisional Government, the statement said.

The Hodges statement pleaded for Korean support of the Moscow trusteeship decision.—Associated Press.

NEW DUTCH PLAN

Batavia, Jan. 30. Dr. Hubertus van Mook, Governor-General of The Netherlands East Indies, will convey the 16-point plan which he has brought with him from Holland, to Dr. Sutan Sharif, Indonesian "Prime Minister" in the first week in February, immediately when Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, British envoy to Java, arrives.

The plan—details of which are secret—was outlined at the Dutch-British conference at the British Prime Minister's private home at Chequers last month. It represents the considered policy of the Dutch Government and was approved by the Dutch Parliament.—Reuter.

MORGAN VINDICATED

Washington, Jan. 30. Mr. Herbert Lehman, Director-General of the U.N.R.R.A., yesterday announced he has decided to return Lieut-General Sir Frederic Morgan to his duty as Chief of the U.N.R.R.A. operations in Germany.

The U.N.R.R.A. demanded Morgan's resignation after he had charged on Jan. 2 that a secret Jewish organisation was promoting the exodus of Jews from Poland to the American zone in Germany.—Associated Press.

TOKYO QUAKE

Tokyo, Jan. 30. An earthquake of about 12 seconds' duration jolted Tokyo at 8.40 a.m. to-day. It awoke many sleepers but no damage was reported.—Associated Press.

Markets Bid

Birmingham, Jan. 30. Mr. Leopold S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, yesterday asserted that "American industry in all its phases is obsessed with the idea of conquering every market in the world." "They are out to capture aviation, sea transport and finance."—Associated Press.

Emperor System Still Popular

Tokyo, Jan. 30. The belief that 80 per cent of the people would support the Emperor system if it came to a nationwide vote was expressed to-day by Doctor Tatsukichi Minobe, one of Japan's foremost authorities on the constitution.

The aged doctor, who was forced to resign as professor of the Imperial University by the militarists when he opposed them said he believed the Emperor should retain his position as the centre of the State."

While conceding that the Emperor system had flared into a controversial issue, Minobe said people may as well go to a plebiscite to have a showdown on the question.—Associated Press.

Jap. Elections

Tokyo, Jan. 30. The Jiji press to-day quoted "Mainichi" as predicting the number of candidates for the Jan. 31 general elections probably will exceed 1,000.

"Mainichi" was quoted as saying that the progressive party, largest in the last Diet, has sustained the severest blow as a result of the Allied headquarters' political purge directive. The paper said that the liberal party is making considerable headway on the political front as a result of the confusion in the progressive party and added that the directive has also benefited the social, democratic and communist parties.

"Mainichi" credited the social democratic party as having the most favourable position with a good chance of emerging as the largest majority party after the elections.—Associated Press.

DUTRA PLEDGE

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 30. General Eurico Gaspar Dutra, who is being inaugurated as Brazil's 16th President on Thursday, promised the head of the Conservative Government he would dedicate himself to internal development while preserving the nation's traditionally cooperative foreign policy.

Dutra said he and his followers "in serving our country shall not destroy its traditions but will exercise the right to vote and liberty of thought to achieve continuous progress with the mandate from the people."

Many believe Brazil will become more of a Parliamentary than a Presidential government under Dutra should he be backed by former President Getulio Vargas who has been elected to the Senate.—Associated Press.

CHILEAN SHOWDOWN

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 30. The Chilean Cabinet was to-day reshuffled as the Government prepared for a show-down with labour. Mounted troops patrolled the streets.

The Government has ordered soldiers to report to barracks and stand by.

Two Cabinet changes put military men in new posts of authority.—Associated Press.

FRENCH POLICY

Paris, Jan. 30. President Félix Gouin told the Constituent Assembly that his foreign policy envisaged "a grand triangular accord between Russia, England and France."

In his inaugural address, Gouin also outlined a more extensive programme of nationalisation, including in business, navy, mining, insurance, canneries, electricity and gas utilities.—Associated Press.

Tory Attack On Government

LONDON, JAN. 30. CHARGING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE PARTISANS WITH SEEKING TO "PRESERVE THE SKULL AND CROSSBONE METHODS OF THE COAL INDUSTRY," BRITAIN'S FUEL AND POWER MINISTER, EMMANUEL SHINWELL, TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT NOTHING BUT STATE OWNERSHIP OF THE PITS COULD RAISE THE NATION'S FALLING COAL OUTPUT.

THIS REMARKS OPENED A PARLIAMENTARY ARGUMENT ON THE FIRST BILL IN A PROGRAMME TO CONVERT THE COUNTRY FROM PRIVATE ECONOMY TO SOCIALISM.

The Italian Treaty

Washington, Jan. 30. United States Secretary of State James F. Byrnes at a news conference declared that the peace treaty with Italy would be the first business of the deputy Foreign Ministers Conference.

He said that the deputy commission appointed by the four big powers to investigate the Italy-Yugoslav dispute over Trieste would leave London shortly, and that the Commission's findings will be considered in the final Italian peace draft.

Byrnes disclosed that the United States War Department had agreed to carry on the occupation authority in Germany, rather than give way to the State Department.

He said President Truman had agreed that the Department of State was a policy-making body, and not equipped to handle German administrative affairs.

He denied reports that American ships have carried arms to the Franco Government, via Italy.

He said no arms had been authorised for sale to Spain and to transport for such ships had been authorised.

No U.S. ships had called on Spain from Italy or anywhere else.—Associated Press.

Six-Day Debate Ends

Capetown, Jan. 30. At a sitting lasting 27½ hours—the longest in the history of the South African Parliament the Assembly this afternoon defeated the motion of "no confidence" in the Government of General Jan Smuts by 83 votes to 43.

The whole debate on the motion introduced by Dr. Malan, leader of the Nationalist opposition party, lasted six days.

The Labour Party amendment,

urging the abolition of the profit system was defeated by 123 votes to 11, the Nationalists voting with the Government.

The Labour Party did not vote in the division on Dr. Malan's motion and the Dominion Party did not vote in either division.

Winding up the debate on the motion of "no confidence," the Finance Minister Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr (United Party) said that it was proposed to adjust the Government's wartime taxation system to changed circumstances.—Reuter.

Chungking Hitch

Chungking, Jan. 30. The Political Consultative Conference to-day stalled on the Government re-organisation and National Assembly make-up.

The Chinese Communists and Democrat League representatives balked the government proposal advocating the creation of Ministries without portfolios, in the Executive Yuan and the offering of seven or eight such posts to other parties and non-parties.

Opponents to this plan proposed that other parties and non-parties should head up new posts of authority.

Parliament to-day adjourned.

Washington, Jan. 30. The House Naval Committee yesterday voted to have the United States keep the results of the atom test in the Pacific secret.

Chairman Carl Vinson, of the Committee, said the test was "absolutely necessary" to determine the effect of atomic bombs.

Chairman of the House Committee on Armed Services, Rep.

SHOULD BE SECRET

Washington, Jan. 30. Constantine Kornilis was woken by a knock in his Foreign Ministry office in the Great Caucasus hotel to-day. He awoke many sleepers but no damage was reported.—Associated Press.

Athens, Jan. 30. The House Naval Committee

The Final Chapter

London, Jan. 30. Mr. John Beasley, Australian Resident Minister in London, declared at a press conference this afternoon that the attitude of the Australian Government in regard to the enquiry into the fall of Singapore was not for the holding of post-mortems but rather to profit by experience.

The final chapter was that the Japanese had been licked.—Reuter.

Election Of Lie

London, Jan. 30.

The nomination of Trygve Lie to the post of Secretary General of the U.N.O. left only one major organisational problem to be decided by the United Nations Assembly, selection of a site in the United States for the permanent home of the world peace agency.

Meeting secretly the Security Council was in session only about half an hour. Lie was unanimously selected after a secret ballot.

Edward Stettinius was said by the delegates to have placed Lie's case before the Council to the five major powers on Monday.

He said that the deputy commission appointed by the four big powers to investigate the Italy-Yugoslav dispute over Trieste would leave London shortly, and that the Commission's findings will be considered in the final Italian peace draft.

The \$150,000,000 which the bill sets aside for reorganising and re-equipping the mines, Mr. Eden said, was "merely thrown into the bill as a frivolous piece of publicity."—Associated Press.

FIVE-DAY WEEK

An eventual five-day week for British coal-miners was foreseen by Mr. Shinwell.

He said that a five day week, longer holidays and improvement in living standards of miners could be introduced progressively when the re-organisation of the industry had been established but reforms must be related to production.

They would have to be the result of increased production and money saved by re-organisation.

Mr. Shinwell said that the new board of full-time experts would make full use during the first five years of £150,000,000 for capital expenditure. The board must conform to the standards of a model employer.

Mr. Eden said there was nothing in the bill which would lead an impartial critic to believe that the Government's bill would put the coal industry on its feet.

Mr. Clement Davis, leader of the Liberal Party, declaring that the Liberal's will vote with the Government, said that the coal industry had furnished a long history of private enterprise at its worst.—Reuter.

The special department of supply, he added, would be headed by Lord Portal, R.A.F. Marshal.

—Associated Press.

TOKYO, Jan. 30.

The Japanese Cabinet to-day set March 31 as the date of the first general election under occupation scrutiny. It will mark the first time that men under 25 and women are permitted to vote.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN'S ATOM RESEARCH

London, Jan. 30.

Prime Minister Attlee told the House of Commons to-day that a special department in the Ministry of Supply has been set up to gather materials for atomic splitting research.

The Prime Minister said that Dr. J. D. Cockcroft, one of Britain's authorities on nuclear physics, now in Canada as director of the Empire's atomic energy plant, would head the new research laboratory, establishment of which was announced in October.

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Germans So Sorry For Themselves

Berlin, Jan. 30.

The American Commander,

General Joseph T. McNarney, to-day said Germans are becoming more outspoken in criticising Allied occupation policies but that their behaviour was better than expected perhaps because of the severe winter.

Problems of displaced persons

are so acute that McNarney has urged immediate inter-governmental action to take more than 250,000 homeless off American hands.

McNarney traced most of the German criticism to "a general feeling of self-pity" on the part of the Germans who ironically

expected that the Allies must

take care of them."—Associated Press.

RADIO

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frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from

19.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.92 Megacycles.

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19.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Sum-

mary.

19.35 p.m.—Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra

and Bing Crosby (Vocal).

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Al Bolting (Orgas) and

Gerry Moore (Piano).